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                              FOR IMPROVED JOINT HEALTH  
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**PATENT APPLICATION STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The above-referenced patent application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office via Express Mail on July 29, 2003. The official Filing Receipt for this application has been received, and we have also received notice that the application was published on

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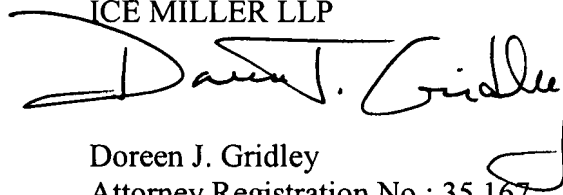
February 5, 2004. An Office Action was mailed on May 4, 2006 and our Response was mailed on November 3, 2006. Because an additional Office Action or a Notice of Allowance has not been issued, we request your assistance in verifying the status of this application.

Applicants believe that there is no fee due for this status inquiry; however, if any such fee is due, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0007.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (317) 236-2472. Thank you for your assistance and prompt attention to our inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

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